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5468-07700/AUS920010264US1IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re Application of:
Broussard

Serial No. 09/870,615

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: INHERITANCE OF BACKGROUND
COLOR IN A CONTAINMENT
HEIRARCHY OF OBJECTS IN A
GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE§
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§Group Art Unit: 2173
Examiner: Bonshock, D.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to an interview between Examiner Bonshock, Examiner Cabeca, Attorney Kevin Daffer, and Jennifer Fisher on March 30, 2004, this paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2004 to highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance. Though various distinctions between the cited art and the presently claimed case were discussed in the interview, no agreement was met. This paper is submitted to provide additional support for the patentability of the presently claimed case over the cited art. A proposed amendment (not discussed in the interview) is also provided with this paper. The proposed amendment is submitted to address the concerns expressed by the Examiners in the aforementioned interview. Please amend the case as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.